

Freedom of Speech for everyone. Obviously.

—Luuk van Huët, New York, NY

It is despicable to think that net neutrality would be changed to allow big businesses to be in control of consumer decisions. Discrimination of this magnitude is outrageous. I should not have to pay more money to get services I already have. I need to feel and BE protected with Net Neutrality!!!

—Lois MacFarlane, Tallahassee, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers its the right thing to do

—J Dan Bentley, Marcus, WA

Since Wheeler came out and said he was for 2 tier system my internet ISP's have raised their rates and I get much slower speeds esp. on weekends! Where are you Wheeler you said you would step in if this happened! It has!

—Thomas va de Steeg, Saint Petersburg, FL

It's unfair to let these cable companies decide who gets faster speed connections because of how much they pay. It's a monopoly. You are destroying the Internet.

—Laura Sanchez, Houston, TX

Broadband frequencies were for the public and not the well heeled. Have you forgotten that?

—Randall Hamlin, Greenville, SC

I am writing in support of Net Nutralty and would like ISPs to be reclassified as common carriers. Right now the internet is an open discussion forum where all users are equally able to post their opinions and agendas. Creating a tiered pay system only hinders free speech and an unbiased, level and free marketplace.

—Paul Bastyr, edina, MN

The internet was developed by the DoD to allow command centers to all communicate even if one or more were destroyed or disabled. Data flows through any series of nodes to get from a to b. Allowing companies to bypass this fundamental aspect of the internet. An ISP, not mine, could sit between my connection and any data source and block or render unusable a service that I am paying for. This is a crime in any other market. The reason that ISPs and other organizations want this end to Net Neutrality is that they want to either get more money at both ends to allow a third party service to operate on their networks, or to manipulate demand and monopolize a service type to market their own product without consequence. This is a blatant attack against American business because it denies the market's ability to determine what products and services are better by circumventing the supply-demand structure of a well regulated free market. It allows ISPs and other agencies to raise rates unchecked while forcing consumers to shop at the "company store" instead of being able to choose another option without a mafia blocking the path. We were born a Republic. Instead the Right wants Authoritarianism, and the Left wants Socialism. Our media has been manipulated and polarized by this feud, destroying the integrity of journalism. Now the Internet is being manipulated in the same way by trying to end Net Neutrality.

—Randall Houser, White Oak, TX

This would systematically privilege established companies, thus creating a barrier to entry and making it more difficult for small enterprises to get off the ground. This would be disastrous for American innovation, the economy, and dampen our entrepreneurial spirit.

—Jennifer White, San Francisco, CA

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Patricia Doyle, burr ridge, IL

Because I want fair treatment of all data on the internet and want start up companies to be able to compete on an even playing field. There are too many monopolies that the FCC ignores within media. Get your heads straight.

—Georgia Brown, Denver, CO

I demand that Congress protect freedom and openness on the Internet by passing legislation to protect network neutrality. The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Network neutrality is the guiding principle that has allowed for these advancements. Now, for-profit interests want to violate the principle of network neutrality in order to increase their own profit margins. They must not be allowed to destroy the free and open culture of the web. I strongly urge you and your colleagues in Congress to support robust net neutrality legislation that prohibits network operators from blocking, impeding or interfering with any lawful Internet traffic or prioritizing any content or services.

—Miles Dickinson, Westminster, MD

Because we deserve a fair market where all businesses are treated equally.

—Bixby Ponteri, Portola Valley, CA

The internet is a great equalizer. Anything other than complete neutrality further compromises the free flow of information that the democratic process relies on.

—Elizabeth Buiocchi, Okemos, MI

Dear FCC, Please protect Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Amber Nordholm, Seattle, WA

The open internet is important to freedom, not just in the United States, but to the whole world that hopes to be free. Keep it open, unobstructed, with no fast lanes or slow lanes. Like any utility, rural Americans should be guaranteed connections just as fast as those enjoyed by city-dwellers.

—Jason Ziegler, Memphis, TN

The internet is sooooo great. Don't mess it up by getting rid of net neutrality. Let's keep net neutrality and let everyone play on an even playing field.

—Nancy Richards, Santa Rosa, CA

Don't let Net Neutrality go the way of newspapers. We need more independent voices not less. The loss of net neutrality will cause smaller websites to be unable to sustain themselves and go out of business. The WWW wasn't created to give a few ISP's a leg up at becoming wealthy at the expense of everyone else.

—James Herod, St. Clair Shores, MI

It's a shame I'm even feel the need to type a comment here. The fact that you're even considering limiting the internet in such a massive way is disappointing. Isn't it obvious that cable companies are in the wrong here? They have refused grants to upgrade their infrastructure, they have circumvented legislation requiring them to upgrade their infrastructure, and they have demanded payment because of their lack of infrastructure. Giving in to them will not benefit anyone but them. In actuality it would be a huge detriment to everyone but them. The ideas proposed open way too many doors for censorship. Why there is any question here, especially with the massive public outcry, is beyond me. How anyone could be so dense as to think this is a good idea, I think, says a great deal about the corruption and obvious behind-the-scene deals happening in our government.

—Chris Dumas, Milton, GA

One of the best appeals of the internet is its ability to be an open access source that is available to so many people. Even those that cannot afford to have internet access at home often connect in places like internet cafes, schools, public libraries, or their place of employment. It has given us the ability to transmit information efficiently and revolutionized the way we entertain ourselves. The fees set by Internet service provider companies are already high enough. They do not need another excuse to bill each person another fee every month. By creating two tiers, we are just opening an unpleasant door. What is to say that two tiers are enough? If this happens, no doubt that soon a third tier or a fourth tier will be discussed. And all of that just adds an element of income discrimination to the Internet. Provider fees are already assigned by the speed of the service. Why is that not enough? Why must I pay not only to Netflix for the right to stream movies in my own home, but then also have to pay extra so that I can actually see those movies properly? The proposed Internet rules are nothing but a front for open discrimination, all the while gouging extra money from the average Internet user. Internet provider companies cannot even be trusted to deliver the proper services sometimes, how can we entrust them to properly choose who has the right to be "elite"?

—Jessica Wagner, Raleigh, NC

I would like the FCC to preserve net neutrality. It is bad enough that we are stuck behind countries like Estonia when it comes to price and speed of internet access, but we are forced into one internet provider. This fast lane stuff will wreck the internet.

—Jane Walsh, Deerfield, FL

Just make the internet part of THE COMMONS just like the phone companies

—Kenneth L. Gross, West Chicago, IL

This country is built on the idea that anyone can build themselves from the ground up. These rules take away that possibility for any tech start ups, reduce service/technology progress, and help to break monopoly laws. Our country has so many broken systems, please do not allow the FCC to break a system that is actually working.

—Shani Herstein, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality offers Senior Citizens with some PC Tech/Internet Processing free of charge, high speed, and let the 'open capitalistic market' govern.

—Major Ted C. Mc Neel Sr. USMC Ret'd., Metairie, LA

As a graduate student, I live on a limited income. Additionally, I work in a newly formed lab that has limited funds at the moment. Our work depends on a secure, stable, fast internet connection. Without net neutrality, we could potentially not be able to afford internet speeds that we need. Everyone is entitled to fast internet just like everyone is entitled to good telephone service. Imagine if companies did this for telephones. \$\$\$ could be the difference between getting to 911 fast enough or not. The FCC's new rules are discriminatory and upsetting. They need to be changed. No one should be refused access to the WORLD WIDE WEB due to their income.

—Natalie Clark, Apt F, NC

the Internet, like water, food, and shelter, should be a Service Provided. Net Neutrality is a supremely important means of open communication for all. The Internet is NOT broken. We do not need even MORE privileges for the wealthy! We do not need even MORE privileges for the corporations! what we NEED is Net Neutrality.

—Riley Dalca, philadelphia, PA

first amendment; equality of expression for all people - this means NO corporate control. thank you

—Debra Barringer, Santa Barbara, CA

Freedom of speech is a right, not a privilege bestowed upon us by rich corporate suits. You work for us, not them - so do your job and protect Net Neutrality!

—Matthew C. A. Kouba, Morrisville, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because as a high school student going into college, doing research on the internet has been a growing occupation with the assigned tasks given. It is very important for me to be able to have equal access to all sites on the internet to not have a biased source. All information is important to share. This is why I think that in order to protect and preserve the open internet, the FCC should get rid of its new set of proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Jonathan Romero
—Jonathan Romero, Redwood City, CA

The proposed rules are terrible! We need to preserve net neutrality, not provide different access for different ability to pay!

—Jeffrey J. Derby, Bloomington, MN

John Oliver pretty much sums up how I feel about Cable Companies. I also feel the government has no right to let major companies have so much control of the internet.

—Cody Durden, Toledo, OH

A Free internet means a freer and more open economy. Net neutrality must be maintained if America is going to be the country where hard work and ingenuity allow novel ideas to prosper. Net neutrality has and would continue to allow that. Without net neutrality facebook, twitter, youtube, tumblr, and many other sites would never exist. By getting rid of net neutrality the FCC would be saying that it is perfectly comfortable with allowing rampant monopolies to occur. Moreover to consider the internet and bandwidth different then heat or electricity and not regulate it in the same way is damaging to all people.

—Curtis Hill, Greeley, CO

Net Neutrality is what makes the Internet such a valuable global tool. The capacity for data and knowledge to travel unhindered from one place to another, available on demand to the whole human race regardless of nationality, political interests or economic backbone. Without Net Neutrality the Internet is just Cable TV 2.0.

—Javier Quesada, México,

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential to ensure everyone has access to the same information at the same speed. Freedom of information should not be dependent on who can pay the most for it: it should be available for everyone. It's a hypocritical double standard to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship by "supporting" the idea of small businesses while blatantly backing monopoly and corporations at the expense of the public. Do the right thing and support and keep Net Neutrality.

—Julia Dankanich, Northbrook, IL

I don't think that ISPs should be able to prioritize traffic. A bit is a bit, a packet is a packet. If they won't behave well on their own, then they need to be subject to Title II -- even if they think it's onerous. Later, after they've learned their lesson, maybe we can talk again.

—Bruce Donnelly, Shaker Heights, OH

As executive director of a non-profit organization that relies on using the internet to contact our members and distribute information, I strongly support Net Neutrality. It would be truly shameful if the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance had to pay over funds from our scant budget to incredibly profitable internet providers in order to purchase realistic download times for our website, and possibly, other communications. I strongly urge you to declare the internet service providers as common carriers. Respectfully, Annalisa Peace executive director Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

—Annalisa Peace, San Antonio, TX

Net neutrality guarantees a truly level playing field for every individual human being. I don't want my freedom to access the internet defined by any ISP any more than limiting my availability to breath.

George F Tatman Richardson, TX
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There should be no discrimination on the Internet in regards to content and no fast lane for people who can afford extra fees. Net Neutrality is important to everyone.

—Leeanne McLeod, hamilton, OH

I pay for what is considered "premium" internet access. It is very rare that I am able to attain the maximum throughput that I am paying for as the system is constantly slow and bogged down at the times I wish to use it (in the middle of the night it seems to be as advertised, but not during normal hours). It is unfair and unjust to allow the cable/internet companies to charge an additional fee to other companies allowing them to boost the speed and use the throughput I am already paying for and not being able to use anyway.

—Paul Wagner, Tucson, AZ

All people should have equal access to the internet, net neutrality is crucial!

—Nicole Crysedale, boulder, CO

Net Neutrality means fairness for all. It should be our right.

—Mr. Jim Conroy, Hillsboro, OR

It is the first time we have an equal way to spread information.

—Jussi Tegelman, Green Valley, CA

This issue is important because there needs to be at least ONE level playing field out there. I don't even see how these proposed changes are good in anyone's opinion except for the major media providers. Which, it seems to be who you are catering to. Please wake up and realize the people of the world need the internet, just the way it is!

—Steven Stillwell, Alliance, OH

it is important because it levels the playing field and not favor the rich and those with deep pockets who can influence internet traffic.

—Robert Brown, Philadelphia, PA

4th Amendment Rights

—Steve Kroeger, albany, NY

research learning entertainment and connection.

—Erika jessen, sarasota, FL

Keep the Internet free and a level playing field for all users!

—Ann Rennacker, Ft Bragg, CA

Net neutrality is essential for my work in educating college students to think carefully and critically, and to have access to the information that supports this.

—Gretchen Revie, Appleton, WI

I strongly oppose giving Internet service providers (ISPs) the ability to charge extra fees to content providers for more bandwidth; ISPs already charge the end-user (public) based on bandwidth. Even more troubling is the fact that these ISPs are also content providers and as such are in direct competition with the content providers they'd be forcing to pay extra fees. As an end-user I want a level playing field in the content I am able to access. FCC Chairman Wheeler should be replaced immediately ... a man who was previously a lobbyist for the cable industry has no business being put into a position of authority! So much for Obama's promise not to have lobbyists in his administration, Wheeler is a corrupt scumbag!

—J Piperata, Canyon Lake, CA

It would allow the big players control over web content and it's accessibility to the extent that they would be de-facto censors of the internet and control what would be readily available to the public. That was not the reason the WWW was brought into existence but it is what all the fat cats with all the money so desperately want.

—Gavi Stevens, Largo, FL

The Internet should be for everyone equally - both users and providers!

—Jordan Gitelman, Skokie, IL

FCC: Throw out rules that would end net neutrality to favor internet service providers and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Isabel Reyes, San Juan, PR

we need Net neutrality not new rules!!!

—Ann Rossi, greenwich, CT

The internet was born free and regulation like this only helps business, not the people who use the internet. Losing Net Neutrality takes us one step closer to becoming China!

—Mr. Eric Mastro, Cary, NC

"Growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell" -Edward Abbey "Selfishness and greed, individual or national, cause most of our troubles." -Harry S. Truman.

—Faith, Murfreesboro, TN

FCC: Throw out your rules and instead reclassify as ISPs common carriers.

—Sharon Gresk, Manchester, CT

Because for so very many affording regular internet service is all they can do. This will jack the price for so many making it, once again, a rich man's game.

—Robin Lerios, Santa Cruz, CA

Its important so that a basic tool of society isn't held ransom by monopolistic forces.

—Michael Blasdel, Tampa, FL

My ISP provider is Time Warner Cable (and soon to be Comcast if the merger is allowed to happen) and I was not able to leave this comment through the fcc.gov/comments website directly because Time Warner is actively throttling my connection and the connections of all it's users to the site. Thank you Time Warner for proving why telecom corporations are nothing but mobsters running shake downs on their customers and silencing any dissent against your unsavory practices. There is no doubt in my mind that I can expect more of the same and I fully expect far more immoral business practices should the FCC actually abolish Net Neutrality. This comment is to express my strong agreement with the idea that the FCC should throw out it's new rules for Net Neutrality and leave it be as it is now. I also agree and strongly support the idea that ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers, so that America can finally start to get the internet infrastructure of countries like Estonia.

—Matthew Flores, Orange, CA

I am against the 2 tier system. Government by the people, for the people. Please Listen to the people.

—Brad Cleavenger, broomfield, CO

Net Neutrality should be the law of the land, it is the fair and just policy. It allows an even playing field for everyone, not just me, but for businesses, large and small. Allowing companies to dictate how internet service is used and extorting money from other large companies to widen their bandwidth is not right. True competition in this marketplace is vital for us, the consumers. Please help save our internet, and our country's ability to thrive without internet providers dictating the rules on who, what or how much we can access on the information highway.

—Jason Smith, Midlothian, VA

Our television, radio, and news papers are now dominated by special interests, monopolized, and dumbed down to the point where we are no longer an informed populace. The internet is the last bastion of open communication and must not be sold out. Net Neutrality is a requirement for the people!

—Joseph Ellinghaus, Westminster, CO

you must keep the internet neutral!

—Arthur Nehmzow, Machesney Park, IL

The reasons for keeping the net neutrality standard as common is clear - we cannot have communications monopolies, especially now that broadcast is no longer viable, limiting and controlling the pathways of communications. Free market space and equal access are paramount to building the future through the communications available on the internet.

—Stephen Kilp, Rolsyn, PA

My livelihood depends on Net Neutrality. I am an independent author of children's books. I pay for my domain name and hosting and various small fee ways of advertising. If the big companies have their way, small business owners like me wouldn't have a chance to get the word out in marketing our products. Thank you, Jamie Stevens

—Jamie Stevens, Oconomowoc, WI

Hello. I know a singular word may not make it to many watching eyes, but you need to know that there is a freedom and much opportunity for each person in this world, to make something more of the internet than just a place to surf. So many ideas to share, emotions to display in creative ways. Many of us suffer from lack of bandwidth now, and some things are worth much more to share to others. Those media and cable companies that wish to destroy what brings the world closer together--what worth will this be to you if we all decide to use other forms of interaction? We've all done it before the internet came into our lives. By using this vast and stateless entity, however, we can show you and our peers all over the world so much that even one human being can do, and how they can do it with as little as a web cam and an imagination. Please keep all of the words in mind that we tell you. This is our blessing and our current way of life. Keep watching it blossom, don't make us grow; let us. Thank you.

—Jasmine Wongus, Halifax,

Net Neutrality is important to all of us for several reasons. If the opponents have their way: It will cost more than we are now paying. It will allow the opponents to make enormous profits at the expense of the public. It will affect freedom of speech. It will eliminate competition from small businesses. You must not allow these big businesses to control our internet.

—Stuart Cotton, Framingham, MA

Net Neutrality and an open Internet allows the free discourse necessary for democracy. It also gives great freedom for artists like me to produce, publish, and distribute work on my own terms. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so that everyone can keep the freedom and opportunity the open Internet makes possible.

—Jackson Culpepper, Lenoir City, TN

Dear FCC, Please consider innovation and creativity and all that has been celebrated in this country since the beginning of its history. With this legislation you are curbing new business along with new ideas and future development on the net while making it impossible for small companies and start ups to compete with the giants that are already established in this field. Its unfair and unjust and not what this country stands for.

—marianne Fagan Guimond, Arlington, VA

The Internet has become an essential part of our society, and must remain neutral, open to all regardless of income, and free of corporate control.

—Bruce Dobson, Langley, WA

Dear Sir or Madam, An open internet without any discrimination is very important in today's wired society. Please do not kill "Net Neutrality". As it is, consumers today have no real choice when it comes to choosing their ISP. The major ISPs have monopolized the internet and cable market. The FCC's proposed rules of ending "Net Neutrality" will further increase the powers of the ISPs and adversely impact internet usage. The internet is no longer a "nice to have" - it is as necessary as other utilities such as gas, electricity and water. Please keep access to the internet open and non-discriminatory. Thank you, Jatin Patel

—Jatin Patel, Belle Mead, NJ

Net Neutrality allows me and my small business to have a chance on the internet. The internet is not a pay to win game-- its an equal opportunity playing field for everyone on earth to enjoy. Without net neutrality, I would be put at an unfair disadvantage. We want real net neutrality!

—Jerish Brown, Los Angeles, CA

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is not a system I want to see. As a small business owner, and as an internet user. I don't want someone to tell me how to enjoy the resources that are available currently, in the same way I don't want a phone company deciding who I can and can't talk to. I pay for my internet connection, and it's my choice what I do and don't view, not the providers. They are a provider of a portal, not a regulator. I fear what this will do for creativity, and commerce if the internet, a global force for good, and a level playing field for everyone, is dominated for the profits of a few share holders. if America leads the way with this, it will set a precedent across the world that the needs and profits of a handful of people are worth more than the entire population of the world.

—Anthony Andrews, Stockholm,

Protect Net Neutrality! The internet is a community for the world NOT large corporations to dictate the content we see or have access to. These proposed changes threaten our civil liberties.

—Sarah Echler, New York, NY

Without Net Neutrality, small businesses and entrepreneurs have no chance of survival or even starting up. The proposed rules would create industry monopoly.

—Thea Stevens, Oconomowoc, WI

Basically, this question simplified is: "Why is EQUALITY important?" And the answer is easy. It's important for every American, regardless of their stature, net worth or personal opinion, to have the opportunity to reach their goals quickly. By letting net neutrality to fade away, it's not only allowing corporate greed to grow as a sickening rate, it's taking away opportunities for people to become better people through the power of the WWW.

—Amy Grogan, CHicago, IL

Discrimination is wrong in real life, why would you think it would be alright to practice on internet users? Cable companies can NOT be in charge of the web, it would break down the entire way the internet works. That means future advances in technology and social interaction would fall dead.

—Todd Olfert, Winnipeg,

Net Neutrality is as important to me as America is. I'm glad I live in America because I have freedom to say what I think. I'm also glad to be part of the Internet as a web developer because of Net Neutrality. The fact is, if you don't support Net Neutrality, you don't support America and what the American people really want.

—Mary Weaver, Rio Rancho, NM

we need the internet to remain free. we already pay for clean air, clean water, non GMO food, taxes upon taxes.. the cable companies have more than enough money.

—Lorena Salas, burbank, CA

Everyone should have access to fast internet. Large companies such as AT&T and Verizon should not be able to influence which sites we have access to.

—Wendy Fox, Leesburg, VA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thanks!

—Steve Schildwachter, Winter Garden, FL

As an emerging visual storyteller, I rely heavily on equal access to the internet as my livelihood to have access to education, seek opportunities, connect with creative communities, and reach audiences across the world. Like many professional artists, content creators, makers and entrepreneurs, the internet is a fundamental part of building, sharing, innovating and collectively propelling society forward in a truly democratic way. The FCC should not put forward a two-tiered Internet system which would benefit major corporations and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We should work towards maintaining the internet as an equitable space to support individuals in reaching their full potential to transform the world.

—Angela Zhang, Toronto,

Net neutrality is the very foundation of what makes internet such a powerful tool. Is the way people can communicate contribute and share, without the fear of being spied on. On a global scale, is how we will evolve as a society towards more tolerance and respect.

—Carlos Zetina-Gargollo, Naucalpan,

American innovation is in jeopardy because of your new attempts to repeal net neutrality. But, then, American innovation is exactly what FCC leader Tom Wheeler wants to put an end to. Isn't it? Wheeler has "conflict of interest" written all over him. He's nothing but a flunky sent by the telecom industry, and - have no doubt - he's been put in place to do a land grab. Nothing could be better for his masters than the end of competition and innovation. But we will not sit in silence. The health and welfare of the nation MUST be valued over the special interests of corporate monopolies. I urge you to reclassify internet providers to ensure that they are properly regulated to guarantee the interests of SMB and the American nation. Do your job.

—Kenneth Manning, New York, NY

I hate discrimination and corruption.

—Doug Nevel, Selkirk, NY

I DO NOT WANT THE LIKES OF VERIZON AND COMCAST DETERMINING WHAT I HAVE ACCESS ON THE INTERNET AND AT WHAT SPEED. THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD RESIGN SINCE HE HAS CONNECTIONS TO THESE TYPE COMPANIES. NOW!!!

—Randall Johnson, Charleston, SC

The internet is a critical medium for the exchange of ideas and keeping americans conected with what is happening to each other and in our government. Corporate influence here will destroy what has become a utility to the american public. They are already paid too much for their services, they do not need the power to override or slow down free speech. NO wording that leaves the possibiltybof corporate interference in our free speech is tolerable. The internet has long been a place for free speech, since before there were any coporate interests there. You MUST protect net neutrality. We won't stand for anything less.

—Brian Stumpp, Stockton, CA

Dear FCC - Net Neutrality is important to me personally so that I can run my small but growing business online and off line. If you change this so that larger corporations can charge more, provide faster service to larger companies that can afford to pay for it - then as usual in this very sad Washington Climate - the small business loses, the middle class loses and the rich get richer - This is not the American way.

—Bernadette Griffith, Niles, OH

The internet is supposed to be an equal platform for communication, learning, business, and much more. Net Neutrality must be saved to preserve the Freedom of Speech amendment. Everyone with something to say has a right to be heard, and huge corporations (monopolies really) should NOT be allowed the right to dictate who gets heard by means of faster internet service. If the internet service providers are allowed a two-tiered system they will have the power to decide what is available online and what is not, that sounds too much like a dictatorship for me. This is a free country, please fight for that right & preserve Net Neutrality.

—Gwendolyn Jackimek, Ventura, CA

We need the network to be neutral because only then will we continue to have the rich diversity of web pages and other content which we have currently. If the ISPs get to decide who has priority, then we are on the road to less diversity of content overall. This is a basic, central, part of what we call, "Democracy". Just think about a world where the ISPs set traffic priority. Since most people have a very small number of choices when it comes to ISPs, this means their content is being dictated by a very small number of companies! We don't want this! This is NOT Democracy!

—Richard Johnson, Santa Barbara, CA

The internet was designed to be an open, neutral platform and our access through providers should stay that way.

—C wright, New York, NY

Net neutrality is important for everyone! Discrimination through the Web is equally as unfair as discrimination everywhere else!

—Keann Kline, Oak Park, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I use the Internet a lot in my business and I do not have the money to pay high fees to get the same information I get for free now. You do not need to make me pay unnecessary fees just to put more money in the pockets of people who are already millionaires. And let's face it. That's all it would do.

—Judith Powell, Raleigh,, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect NET NEUTRALITY!

—KG Johnson, Groton, CT

We don't want rampant discrimination online! This isn't fair. It's only going to cost more. A great example of the rich getting richer.

—Sujin Beck, ventura, CA

Information access should be equal for everyone.

—Ed Perry, New Braunfels, TX

The net should be a neutral place, period!

—Amber, Camarillo, CA

The Internet offers a last bastion for the promise of equality for all in the United States. Given how dependent we've become on the Internet for information, education, and entertainment, the Internet is essentially a public utility. The accessibility of ANY and ALL sites and sources via the Internet by ANY and ALL must remain equal. Imagine if our electric and gas companies, or our municipalities announced that access to water, electricity, and natural gas, along with the rates charged, would be excellent for some of us; but the rest would have to be patient, enduring longer wait periods while paying the same or higher rates. That the FCC isn't protecting the majority of individuals and business concerns is unconscionable.

—Susan E Nicol, Iowa City, IA

No online discrimination! We the people.... It's OUR INTERNET TOO! Net neutrality? Jo Public doesn't want you to Hash Up his internet. It is NOT yours personal possession. It belongs to All Of Us. You really should listen to the people. And remember we are many. You could be the recipient of more MASSIVE email volumes. And there people out here that could trash you & leave no calling card. Remember , you will Earn you get (It's called karma) Best Listen to us ("The People") or accept your fate. It's up to you. AND ALL OF US. You really think you can own something that belongs to everyone? What kind of government were you raised in. Sure doesn't appear it's the USA. "Isn't the USA the land of the Free? You are the recipient of what you sow. Better start thinking, not just "doing". People will and do object you will reap what you so. Best remember that..

—Tim Alvin Thomas, Spokane, WA

Once again, democracy is in question.

—Karen Ingenthron, Oakland, CA

To foster innovation and preserve the principles our country was built upon... Maintain net neutrality. Keep the internet free and allow the creativity of our nation to pour forth and be shared equally.

—Michelle, Hanover, MA

Free and equal opportunity to communicate is fundamental to freedom and democracy in the 21st century. If you sell off the commons to the greediest bidders, you will set civilization back about 500 years. No Dark Ages!

—Charles Elliott, Whittier, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because, as a public librarian, it is essential to providing the type of service that our patrons expect. As part of my job it is a priority to provide equitable access to information no matter what it is. Privileging entities that have cash to spare over the multitude that do not is backwards, and has the potential to make content that patrons seek profoundly inconvenient to access. To dismantle Net Neutrality as we currently know it would speak volumes as to what value the government places in views and ideas that don't have a monetary megaphone. As a private citizen, I also do not wish to see the sites that cater to my particular interests, sites that are not sponsored by corporate conglomerates, punished and throttled in the name of some sort of free market cash grab.

—Matt Heindel, Janesville, WI

America thrives on innovation. We must allow new companies to continue to flourish in an open and competitive environment. Ending net neutrality ossifies our internet and benefits only the cable companies. Protect net neutrality. Open up internet delivery in the same way Britain has and help America retain and improve its competitiveness.

—Paul Bruffett, Oklahoma City, OK

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Bruce Wheeler, Savannah, GA

Only classifying ISPs as common carriers can make sure the internet as we know it can continue to exist

—Franz Kriftner, Linz,

Insuring that the internet stays free and untampered with enables open access to free information. Please fight for Net Neutrality and ensure that everyone has access to free information.

—Anna Lujano, Pittsburg, CA

It took four days for my internet to get connected to my new apartment. When my internet went out four months later, I was told it would take five days to get a technician to my house to repair it, despite the fact that I was paying \$50 a month for what was already spotty service. When I ordered a new couch and they sent the wrong throw pillow, it took 27 hours to get the correct pillow. Why? Capitalism. The internet as it is currently is a monopoly. The fact that there are "developing" countries that get faster, cheaper internet service than the US is a disgrace. If we are to deserve the title of "developed" then we should demonstrate the values of a developed nation. If we are truly a free market enterprise, then why do our internet providers purposefully designate neighborhoods that the internet will or will not be provided to? Monopoly. The internet in 2014 is an essential service in the same way that water or electricity is an essential service. Either we treat the only option available as essential to life, like water or electricity, or we open the market to competitors like any other business.

—Sarah Yochin, Pflugerville, TX

As an unhappy cable internet customer life is bad enough being constantly shafted by the cable companies ridiculous prices, poor service, and monopolistic hold on entire regions; the last thing any person needs is certain data to be discriminated for or against at any rate to further shit on my online experience. I understand the lobbyists secret under-the-desk handjobs are quite good for the FCC and other government entities, plus it's hard to say no to a company who is helping the government spy on millions of Americans' private communications. However, the bigger issue is that the internet is something that should inherently be unregulated as to promote free and open online commerce.

—Andrew French, Greendale, IN

I support net neutrality, and oppose the introduction of a two-tiered, unequal Internet, rigged to favor corporate persons and biological millionaires and billionaires. I support the reclassification of broadband under Title II of the Communications Act, that is, reclassification of ISPs as common carriers. I oppose the replacement of the free Internet with an oligarchic Internet. I oppose the introduction of information inequality into the online environment, just as vehemently as I oppose income inequality in America. I oppose this proposed FCC coup against the Internet that will replace net neutrality with a line of kings. I support net neutrality, which means I support the Internet the way it is. Net neutrality threatens no one: it has not impeded the rise of Google or Facebook, and it has not limited the visibility of Amazon or Netflix. If you like monstrously and unjustifiably wealthy corporations, net neutrality has not imperiled their existence, nor has it prevented them from saturating the online medium. I am old enough to remember how times have changed, how awkward and unattractive corporate Web sites were when they first started competing with the myriad tiny outlets that had preceded them online, how laughable brick and mortar seemed when applied with a clumsy mason's knife to our computer screens. However, net neutrality ensured that as the corporations grew, there was always room for the people to grow alongside them, without impediment. The corporations did their work of monopolizing the Internet, but it was impossible for them to succeed, because the ingenious individual citizen, empowered by net neutrality, always kept pace with them and outstripped them. So CNN is happy, but so are the hundreds of thousands of bloggers and independent news outlets without two dimes to rub together who can nonetheless reach a national and global audience if they're insightful enough—all thanks to net neutrality. As long as net neutrality is the law of the Internet, every free American citizen can have the Internet she chooses, and make whatever impact there she wishes to make, and she and her family can move nimbly between the feet of the corporate giants, protected as they zigzag by the rules of equality. If the FCC introduces plutocratic privileges into the online ecosystem, creating fast lanes for the 1% and slow lanes for the 99%, the integrity of the Internet will be lost, and the Internet's virtual democracy will imitate the sad state of our actual democracy in the United States—where business and banking monopolies have their way, spilling toxins and suppressing wages, breeding debt and buying undue influence in the branches and the agencies of our government. Just as the physical Congress is a millionaires' club, so will the Internet be: when net neutrality is annulled, the virtual sports cars and limousines of the elite class will blow past our bicycles and junkers—if roads exist at all anymore outside of gated Internet zones. We won't be able to compete with Wal-Mart online any better than our shops and markets can compete with it in our neighborhoods; the shadow of monopoly and inequality will overpower the light from our PCs. The Internet will be eviscerated, and it will devolve into an uninspired cousin of cable TV. Gone will be the sources of online information and innovation we have come to rely on for the last twenty years, along with what remains of the American experiment—the rich will have everything, and the population will be left with nothing to eat but the consumerist drivel of corporate news. I don't believe in the divine right of kings, and I don't believe that the corporations should be allowed to oppress Americans and stifle their desire for work and fair wages just because they are rich and the rest of us are worthless. But so long as the FCC entertains its notions of an "Internet of the few," I don't see how it can escape the charge of having chosen corporate persons as a master race to dominate the biological masses of Americans. Right now, the rich can have their wealth, and the poor can still have a voice, because online, common citizens can run with the bulls and keep pace with the cheetahs, uninhibitedly. But an FCC that insists on wrecking net neutrality wants to give the corporations the power, metaphorically, to break the legs of common citizens with their hammers as they pass, leaving all of us crippled in the streets where we had once been free. I oppose the replacement of the free Internet with an oligarchic Internet. I oppose the introduction of information inequality into the online environment, just as vehemently as I oppose income inequality in America. I oppose this proposed FCC coup against the Internet that will replace net neutrality with a line of kings. I support the reclassification of broadband under Title II of the Communications Act, that is, reclassification of ISPs as common carriers.

—Mario Hernandez, Lansing, NY

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—Pucci Dellanno, porterville, CA

Having the internet open and neutral is vitally important to people of the USA, as you have already read from previous comments. You don't have to be reminded of the corruption this reeks of. You know exactly what you are doing and it is greatly disturbing. It is human nature to push the envelope to see how far you can go with something, but here you are going to receive a backlash you did not expect. This blatant disregard of the everyday citizen had come to be expected but this is going too far. I would argue whether it is wrong or right but we both know morals don't speak as loudly as money does. I am against this decision and will fight it (peaceably) as long as I have my life. Keep the net neutral, stop being evil, and stop screwing people. This land needs to heal itself or we will lose our place in the world. I feel like we are on a runaway train with no way of slowing down.

—Rudy Yechout, Stowe, PA

The internet is truly the greatest force for democracy ever created. I would urge the FCC to consider the grave damage that tampering with net neutrality will surely bring. Placing financial classes on the net is precisely the sort of anti-democratic constraint that rewards the few at the expense of the many. Democracy will suffer, innovation will suffer and yet another US agency will be seen as a servant of those with the funding to influence government.

—George Griffett, Medford, NY

Extra fees would be undo hardship for myself and millions of other Americans.

—Andrea Alagammai, Tucson, AZ

My comment is a question and a comment . Why was the very thorough and informative report written by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society , Harvard University , ignored by the FCC ? It obviously recommends open access policies adapted in other democratic free market countries as the clear path toward next generation connectivity . We have a responsibility to the next generations for them to have a comparable connectivity as other nations , yet the road to that connectivity is being blocked by private interests . Do the right thing . Reclassify ISPs as common carriers .

—Steven Crouch, Indianapolis, IN

We live on the internet. It is the most valuable commodity that exists. Killing net neutrality will kill this resource. If you do this we will hold you personally responsible.

—John Satter, Boulder, CO

Net neutrality is important both for a democratic internet and for the health of democracy writ large in the U.S. To allow pay-to-play schemes in any form would impinge on the free access to information and the space of contemporary democratic discourse that the internet, so long as it's governed by net neutrality, promotes. Please preserve net neutrality and reject any changes which the oligopolistic providers - which we are stuck with, not freely choosing - are pushing to monetize the internet and dissolve the neutrality in net neutrality. You have a great responsibility. Please stand up for the public and democratic ideals, and not for corporate interests.

—Charles W. Anderson, Washington, DC

John Oliver has it exactly right. The proposed measure to end net neutrality is simply exploitation of a monopoly. As printed media decline in use and are replaced by the internet, it is imperative to maintaining a free and open press that the internet remain neutral. We will not stand for this corruption. Thank you for considering this comment.

—Jay Newhard, Greenville, NC

If you allow ISPs to give preferential access to some sites and throttle others, the foundation of freedom and fair competition is at risk. The internet is a superhighway of information and trade. Do not allow corporations to manipulate and control traffic for their own biased ends.

—Dana Perantie, Saint Louis, MO

Having internet service providers charge for "faster lanes", and decide who receives these faster lanes, is contradictory to Net Neutrality. Check the definition of neutrality. In the end, as with most big money controlled services that the government overlooks, the consumer will be the one that is penalized.

—Steve Perkel, yorktown heights, NY

The Internet should be free from companies profiting off of it. No tiered speeds! No prioritized packeting. No packet inspection. Only emergency data should get priority!

—Jds, naperville, IL

FCC, Why would you try to fix a system that isn't broken? Please keep our internet the way it is. Drew

—Drew Allman, Littleton, CO

The Internet is a powerful tool for communication and education, and it should be an equal playing field for the exchange of ideas. Big companies should NOT be able to control what content users can access by allowing a "fast lane" for some sites and a "slow lane" for others. Save the Internet and preserve Net Neutrality!

—Leverett Woodruff, Sandy, UT

Dear Sirs; The foundation of any democracy is a well-informed public. If access to information through the internet is restricted to only those that can afford to pay, our democracy will crumble. Please, keep the internet free.

—Amy Conklin, Littleton, CO

Every one should have the same playing field. Big business with money should not have the advantage of ruling the internet. Internet is the peoples communication system and should stay that way.

—Barbara Garrigus, St. Ignatius, MT

I believe that this is such a serious issue with far reaching consequences for the average person, you need to be darned certain when you make your decision, you think of what power this will hand a small number of companies and how they will then be able to, and it seems inevitable that they will considering the history of commercial conglomerates who flaunt their noses down upon the general population in the name of profit for shareholders and those with the most to gain. I hope you see the logic in keeping the internet power out of the hands of the now already too powerful.....

—Harold Karaka, sherman oaks, CA

Just kill this bill. You're not ready for it and neither is American.

—Larry Rochester, Marquette Heights, IL

Keep the NET FREE FOR ALL!!!! Keep it for all Americans and the rest of the world!!!! Not Corporate Controlled!!!!

—Joshua Heffron, NYC, NY

Please do not allow internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. We could loose content on the internet. Classify the internet instead as a telecommunications service so that we have equal access to information and opportunities. Thank you!

—Nancy Cox, Martinsville, VA

Net neutrality will help small businesses form and have an internet base to expand their demographic. Please don't end net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Nathan Johnson, Derby, KS

internet should be equal for everyone no matter how much money you make!

—Haley Kroese, Grand Forks, ND

The internet should be free for all. Its a tool for sharing information, not for making the rich and powerful more rich and powerful. Wheeler needs to crawl out of the big business pockets and get with the real world.

—David Crawford, Camarillo, CA

Diversity breads growth and change. Net Neutrality is a catalyst for this diversity. We want real, true net Neutrality.

—Erica Schroder, Boston, MA

I believe thst net neutrality is as important as freedom of the press; in this century it means freedom of expression & a great business tool we all value.

—Doreen Hayes, Chula Vista, CA

Net neutrality is vitally important to every person in the United States. Internet providers can not be allowed to provide higher levels of access for higher paying customers. Every person, or corporation should be afforded the same EXCELLENT download/upload speed. Allowing different tiers will only allow internet providers to give less service to those who can afford it the least. Keep the internet like America, equal for all under the law.

—Jason Service, Beaverton, OR

Net neutrality is important because we need a level playing for diverse ideas, and new companies and start ups to survive.

—Dana Wylder, Naples, ID

I need to get non-corporate news. I need to communicate with my government.

—Richard Creswell, Lakewood, CO

Please leave the internet a level playing field for every player and MANTAIN NET NEUTRALITY!

—Robert Edward Dye, Austin, TX

Because one speed for "the haves" and one (faster) speed for "the have nots" is no good for anyone. It stifles creativity, start-ups, and such. Amazon, Google, Microsoft, and Facebook don't want it to happen. (how would they buy up innovative start-ups, when the start-ups are priced out of the speed necessary to innovate?)

—Dana Stickney, Mattapoisett, MA

A plan with extra fees for faster service would make it more difficult to find information about small businesses and small organizations, as compared to big businesses and major organizations, because the smaller businesses and organizations would not be able to afford the extra fees.

—Susan E. Snyder, Broadview Heights, OH

Net Neutrality is vitally important to our democracy to ensure that all voices have a chance to be heard.

—Brett O'Sullivan, Denver, CO

The internet is used by millions, if not billions, of people every day to communicate with each other. It is a telecommunications platform. It should be classified as such. Don't allow Verizon, AT&T and Comcast to continue to get paid twice for services provided once. Creating a "fast lane" on the internet is just a fast way to stifle innovative companies whose traffic won't be considered a "priority". We don't let that happen for our electricity, why should we let it happen to our communications platform?

—Matthew Hanyok, Laurel, MD

To: The Commissioners of the FCC Your proposed path would open the door to widespread discrimination online. It would give Internet service providers the green light to implement pay-for-priority schemes that would be a disaster for start ups, nonprofits and everyday Internet users who cannot afford these unnecessary tolls. I urge you to scrap these proposed rules and instead restore the principle of online nondiscrimination by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service.

—Nasir M. Lateef, Moreno Valley, CA

Net Neutrality is important because we have certain freedoms to communicate, which have slowly been eroded through the past decade, allowing only the wealthiest of Americans get access to public officials and corporate boards. Net neutrality represents the ability of the everyman to communicate, research, advertise, work and entertain him or herself with low costs or for free. Do we really need to go into a world where this freedom is lost to enrich others?

—Michael Luck, Newark, DE

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We do not need ANYONE telling us how and at what speed we can use the internet.

—David Berkey, Mountain View, AR

the net should not be sold to the highest bidder

—Michael Thomas, South Bend, IN

Net Neutrality is the most democratic voice the people have to communicate with. It's fast, cheap, and FREE! We already pay access fees to large corporations, why do we have to pay more?

—Beth Heller, Boylston, MA

stop the fcc

—Stephen Kollenborn, mesa, AZ

I'm 23, I have had internet since around 5 or 6, back when it was nothing but dial-up. I've also always had cable TV, until recently. Why? because like most, I'm tired of being force fed content. The internet changed that, and now that cable companies like Comcast are noticing that and obviously they want to stop it. Creating a two tiered internet is recreating cable TV, where only the rich existing companies can offer content. If Comcast, Verizon, TWC, etc. have a legitimate concern with bandwidth then more than likely they oversold to begin with, which is on them and they **SHOULD NOT BE BAILED OUT**. If it isn't due to overselling, then maybe the internet's structure as a whole needs to be rethought, but existing companies **SHOULD HAVE NO SAY IN IT**. Why? Well, let's define a company, or business, which is: the practice of making one's living by engaging in commerce. In other words, they are for profit. That is all they care about. Existing ISPs already don't compete and are a textbook **MONOPOLY**. The fact that I even have to send this comment is proof that the FCC and US Government is **NOT DOING IT'S JOB**. So please, tell me what happens to politicians and tax payer paid employees that don't do their job, which is to protect the rights of the tax payers. Remember, my generation and those after me will not tolerate this. Let that sink in, and then consider your options. Comcast & Verizon are the equivalent of a 21st century drug cartel. They are monopolies of their own areas and have non-compete agreements, even if it's hidden within city, state, or federal regulations. Personally, I believe the CEO of these companies and anyone else responsible should be publicly tried and executed. I have also lost all faith in the FCC and would prefer a multiple 3rd party groups do an evaluation. Especially of the current battle between Verizon/Comcast and Netflix. Prove me wrong. Show us the FCC is working for the people.

—Jared Weisinger, Lufkin, TX

It is wrong to have a monopoly and to give certain companies preference.

—Elizabeth Tippet, Winnetka, IL

Trying to control information is just plain wrong. It is, in a way, a form of discrimination, censorship and retardation, not only in the flow of information but also in the growth of society. Net Neutrality is not only important to me, but to the whole world. It is part of our right of free speech. Take that away from us and you're no better than a barbarian. A criminal.

—Pedro Lopes, Aveiro,

Is important because I don't wan the internet become another big media for the interest other than the interest of We The People.

—Jose Mastrapa, Lakeland, FL

Net neutrality is extremely important. It would be wrong and harmful to censor certain voices because they have less wealth. A free internet enables access to a variety of viewpoints, which is vital to our society's survival.

—Lori Propheter, dekalb, IL

PLEASE DON'T GIVE THE NET TO AWAY TO THE CORPORATIONS.

—James Robinson, Redway, CA

Net neutrality keeps money politics out of the format that gives the minority opinion an equal voice. Let's keep corruption out of the one last remaining arena of ideas exchange.

—Nicholas Goosev, Bellingham, WA

I have no interest in America becoming a third rate country. Maintain net neutrality. Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.

—WALTER WALTER CRAFT, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Dear FCC, Please protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. I want this because when it is done, it will allow FCC to regulate carriers so that they cannot form internet "fastlanes" which are hidden behind a pay wall. Being a young person with plenty of student debt and only a modest income, I would not be able to pay for the faster internet. This would limit the amount of content that I am able to view every day and the amount of content that I am able to contribute to message boards, blogs, and vlogs. America will benefit more if everyone is able to participate in the sharing of ideas and innovations than if a few companies are able to rake in more profits with new "information dams". Thank you.

—Beth Rousseau, Fountain Valley, CA

Why allow corporations to handle information and data that the entirety of humankind compiled? Do not take this right to access this vast source of information away from ordinary people. Is there not a clause within the many anti-trust and anti-monopoly acts that go against this? Taking away our right to access information quickly in the INFORMATION AGE is as backward as taking away the right to talk publicly. The government is supposed to defend the interest of the people, not the material interests of companies that only seek to improve their own income. Let net neutrality be.

—Kensei Kim, Lewisville, TX

Net Neutrality is important to keep our freedom of speech and free press that is guaranteed by the first amendment. Without Net Neutrality the already monopolized Internet service providers will have complete control over what content we can share and what content we see. Please keep net neutrality to ensure American citizens first amendment rights are preserved through the 21st century.

—Christa, Centennial, CO

There is a new segregation in this country... The segregation of the rich and the poor. Everyday the people with the money are looking to put themselves into race all their own and if you haven't the money, you are penalized! This is exactly what this plan will do. This is supposed to be a land of equal opportunity, yet everyday that equality is becoming further and further apart. This is not the country that I want to live in. I don't want to be penalized because I am not as rich as the one's making all the noise. They want everything for themselves so the rich can become richer and the poor, gets penalized. If you think bills like this are fair, then you are part of the problem and not the solution. And people wonder why there is so much talk about another civil upheaval in this country. Am I mad? Your damn right I am. I am sick and tired all the little people constantly getting crapped on while the rich get richer and thrive!!!! Please do not let this happen. Fight for our right to Net Neutrality!

—John Durchak, Eatontown, NJ

net neutrality is important to keeping the internet a free and fair place. you cannot pass this plan and leave me and others that cant afford it with a slower connection. not to mention the cost to small business in an already bad economy. the cable company's have enough power as it is without adding more. keep net neutrality alive.

—Clayton Brewer, Manassas, VA

Completely against the proposed changes, we need a fair and open internet not dictated by corporate interests

—George B, Chicago, IL

Grace, Mercy, and Peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ Dear FCC Please protect Net Neutrality. Keep empowering all of us! Thank you, May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen

—Jose Garcia, Houston, TX

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fpbOEoRrHyU> John Oliver says everything very clearly in a more entertaining way then I can. This is crazy that our government is allowing corporation to do what they please and we can't do anything about it. What has this country become. 80% of the people are more interested in dancing with the stars then looking what is going on in there country.

—Justin Lavoie, davie, FL

Net neutrality is important to maintain at least some freedom for web companies to grow. Keep your grubby hands out of the internet.
—Mark, Olean, NY

Net neutrality is essential to maintaining a system that allows small companies to succeed. Eliminating net neutrality will allow cable companies the power to manipulate companies and have too much power over our economy.
—Michael Borell, Saint Cloud, MN

Please encourage competition between providers instead of allowing them to potentially restrict usage based on what services you subscribe to.
—Uday Kumar, Kingwood, TX

I get real news not corporate propaganda and it's the best and least expensive way for small business to get their product or services known and it's small business that hires most Americans, they create the jobs.
—Cathie Donahue, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality allows access for those deserving but limited in income.
—Helen Greenbacker, south boston, VA

Keep the Internet neutral because it is a matter of freedom. Big companies don't have the right to control its use.
—Colette dumont, Mobile, AL

Not broken. DO NOT FIX this. You may not leave us wee people on our own.
—Melissa Forberg, Edmonton,

It's really not that complicated. The fact that people are being robbed of something that they are paying for, by the people selling it to them, is an embarrassment to the country and a kick in the face to the consumer.
—Nickolas Kirkner, Hatfield, PA

Hi FCC. Let's cut to the chase. I know this is a terrible idea. You know this is a terrible idea. I know that you're probably doing this because, down the line, it benefits you, and fucks everybody else off. I also know that all of these protests, letters, and other messages probably won't do anything, and that you guys don't give a shit about any of us. So I guess we'll have to wait. We'll all have to wait until you guys inevitably screw this up, and people inevitably become extremely pissed off about it. Or you could prove me wrong. Just saying. Don't fuck this up for us. Love, Demi.
—James Gilhooley, Ipswich,

Because it is the only thing that can allow us to overcome most of the most important problems we have today.
—Eduardo Thomas Perez del Postigo, Madrid,

Free speech is in jeopardy without net neutrality. If media conglomerates are allowed to privatize common networks and censor bandwidth, they in essence will be able to control to a large degree what news and information is disseminated on the web. Grow some balls, FCC, and declare Common Carrier status upon the web. If the FCC fails to protect the web under the principles of net neutrality, you will have failed to protect the intellectual integrity of every citizen of this country.
—Tony Porter, Little, CO

The net should be neutral. information should be the right of every human being, not a PRIVILEGE. Period. fast lanes and picking favorites is total BS and not okay in general.
—Laci Hodges, Post Falls, ID

As a web site designer and developer, your proposed ruling on "Net Neutrality" has nothing neutral about it. Why on earth would you allow commercial concerns to create "fast net" for the rich, and "slow net" for the poor. This goes against all concerns for a level playing field as promoted by your President Barack Obama. I would think that with all the scandals now rocking D.C. the last thing you would want to do would be to show partiality and favoritism to ISPs. Unless you wish to spend the rest of your term on Capitol Hill before congressional committees, I suggest that you reconsider this absurd proposal.

—John F. Beckman, Stone Mountain, GA

Net neutrality is important and vital to our society. Allowing the flow of information to be controlled by a handful of companies in a for-profit manner is unethical and will end the democratic nature of the net as we know it. Ending net neutrality means it will become harder for people to gain information they need/require. It also means the it will become harder for those without money (think small businesses, start-ups, mom/pop shops) to do business. This is just bad all around. Please keep the net neutral--allow information to flow freely and equality.

—Ashish Varma, Fresno, CA

I am human and regularly consume the internet. Please stop listening to lobbyists (like Tom Wheeler) and level the playing field for everyone. I support Net Neutrality and the FCC should stand with the people and the majority on this issue.

—Ryan May, Draper, UT

The playing field needs to remain level for all companies! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Sara Laffin, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Net Neutrality is a good policy and easy to enforce. It is far, far better than a government agency occupied by representatives of ISPs who make arbitrary judgements about how best to regulate ISPs. I am disgusted with Tom Wheeler and the corruption he symbolizes.

—Eric Paul Jacobsen, West Saint Paul, MN

keep the internet tax free and equal axcess for all

—Paul C, E Orleans, MA

The American people will be negatively affected by the proposed loss of net neutrality. I deeply dispute the proposed rules and ask that the committee decide against them.

—Yoseff Ben-Yehuda, New York, NY

Our business depends upon being able to have access to our financial institutions as well as doing research for products and new innovative ideas that we can use for patients. Reporting to mandatory agencies are only allowed by internet. Since we also live on a very small island, our shopping is done on-line. We don't have the time or the money to be going to the mainland for our necessary items, food as well as household items and clothing. It's not broke, why should we have it changed if only for the greedy people that want even more money that they do not deserve, especially if they are not providing services that poorer than what other countries have.

—Ruth Martinez, Avalon, CA

Keep the internet out of the hands of corporations and in the hands of the people.

—Adrienne Philpart, Oakland, CA

The internet is to the 21st Century as electricity was to the 20th. Make the net a common carrier!

—Josh W Rosentreter, Plymouth, IN

Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is common sense.

—Dale Axelrod, Petaluma, CA

The internet is currently my only income. I am a small reseller of used goods and I can't imagine being shut out of my livelihood because I don't have money to pay for access. When you cut people out , you will be putting people on the street. I am willing to work hard and I already do so please don't take my business away or make it inaccessible

—Caroline Luley, Cape Canaveral, FL

I don't know where to begin but the most important reason is obvious - I don't want to pay more money than I already am.

—Dan, northeast, PA

The net was put together form thousands of people and businesses. The companies that want to 'own' it would be stealing it. They would have a completely running 'business' created by other people. That is stealing in my world view. do not allow this to happen. The ultra rich peple do not need to own it all.

—Vivianne Mosca-Clark, Williams, OR

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I'm writing to you as a citizen who is deeply concerned about the direction the FCC may take with regards to ISPs. As both a consumer and a technology worker, I rely on the Internet not only as a source of entertainment and information, but also a way to communicate with colleagues and customers. As someone who is fighting Lyme disease, I spend most of my time at home, with the Internet as my primary means of communication and the only means by which I'm able to remain employed. In an average day, I log into my company's virtual private network (VPN) to securely do my work over the Internet, and later in the day I may watch something on Netflix. Suffice to say, the Internet is an important part of my life. I'd like to go on record by saying that I think ISPs should be able to make money. They put a lot of money into building out an important piece of infrastructure that benefits all citizens and they should be able to recoup their investments and make money in the process. I also believe that ISPs have a right, and maybe even a responsibility, to ensure that all traffic is given a fair chance to make it through their network. This necessarily means watching out for services that are using an inordinate amount of bandwidth that may prevent other data from making it through. I want ISPs to protect customers from this situation. I'm aware that Netflix traffic is growing to be a significant portion of all Internet traffic. I realize how this can affect ISPs financially and also how it can negatively affect other types of Internet traffic. If I was unable to log into my bank or my work VPN because too many people were watching House of Cards, I'd be pretty upset. At the same time, it frightens me to see the way that ISPs such as Comcast have dealt with this situation. Instead of being open about it, they started throttling the Netflix service, leaving customers confused and angry. When consumers pay for Internet service to their homes, there is an implicit guarantee of delivering all traffic the same way. We are paying for the gateway to the public Internet and then we expect the ISP to get out of the way so we can have the content we request. By throttling Netflix traffic, Comcast broke this implicit agreement, harming customers in the process. The ISPs repeatedly talk about having a "fast lane" option, where services can pay extra money for the right to have faster speeds. In reality, what ISPs have done is not offer a new fast lane, but instead, they have added a new slow lane and shifted traffic to it. The charge, therefore, is to get back into the "normal" lane that they were on before. Consumers, in the meantime, are confused as to why they are paying for a 1.5mbps connection that is delivering only 256kbps for one or more services. If this trend continues, it will further confuse the consumer market because each ISP will be free to transmit data from any service at any speed they so desire. Further, without strict guidelines, there is nothing preventing ISPs from arbitrarily shifting traffic into the slow lane whenever they choose, effectively turning the Internet into a toll bridge where if you don't pay, your Internet business suffers. You've probably heard the argument that ISPs will self-regulate, because if consumers get too frustrated, they will switch ISPs. In reality, few consumers have true choice when it comes to ISPs. In many places, the choices are between two companies with near-monopoly power: the cable and telephone companies. In Mountain View, California, where I live, my choices are Comcast and AT&T. Having a choice between two gigantic companies that couldn't care less if I was a customer isn't really a choice. What's more, because these two compete on a national level as well as local, if one of them behaves in such a way that makes more money, the other is likely to follow. If one sees the other effectively extorting millions of dollars from a content provider, the other is likely to follow suit. After all, the number of customers that would have to switch ISPs to generate the same amount of money is extraordinarily high. And when both ISPs in a region are throttling traffic arbitrarily to extort millions of dollars from content providers, what other choice do I have? What's to prevent ISPs from throttling VPN traffic? Or traffic to delivery services that disabled Americans rely on? The one thing we all know for sure about capitalism is that monopolistic companies do not act with the best interests of the consumer in mind. These large ISPs are achingly close to being monopolies, and they cannot be trusted to self-regulate. ISPs need government regulation to ensure that fair pricing models are applied to Internet traffic and that ISPs are not allowed to decide which traffic gets which speed without oversight. We need rules that will both protect consumers from the deceptive ISP practices of throttling certain traffic while also allowing ISPs to charge more when a particular service is taking up an inordinate amount of bandwidth. One such solution would be to disallow bandwidth throttling or extra charges for any service that falls beneath a particular percentage of total ISP monthly bandwidth use. This would protect new businesses and popular web sites from extra charges, as well as encouraging existing services to more closely monitor their bandwidth usage. Once a particular service's bandwidth usage crosses the percentage threshold, there should be a buffer zone between that threshold and the one at which the service must pay more to be switched to a "fast lane". The intent of that buffer zone is so that ISPs have time to inform the service of their bandwidth usage before new charges kick in, and services have time to either prepare to pay more or to adjust their services to use less bandwidth. This is just one solution of many that will be available to you. The key aspects of this solution, and of any truly fair solution are: ISP transparency about when new charges will apply Regulations establishing what traffic may not be throttled or charged more Protecting consumers from the near-monopolistic behavior of ISPs in many parts of the country Mr. Chairman, I know my voice is just one of the many you have and will continue to hear during the next few months, but I hope you will consider the importance of regulating what has become an important piece of our country's infrastructure. We cannot let ISPs continue to dictate terms based on their own preferences without negatively affecting consumers and businesses that rely on the Internet.

—Jasmine Kostraba, Los Angeles, CA

This is not the time for you to regulate something else so you can decide what's important enough to deserve fast internet and what deserves slower. WHAT IS THIS, 1984? This is complete and utter bullshit and the thing is, you KNOW that. If corporations are people now, (which is also bullshit) then why aren't all websites created equal? Why don't all servers and sites deserve equal speed. The internet is about bringing information, art, communication skills, culture, humor, all into a global arena to share and learn from. (Also porn) You can't slow down some information or culture by saying it's less important. You can't have the amount someone can pay be the deciding factor in the speed their site gets. You can't regulate information that isn't yours to regulate. Sit down, shut up, and leave my internet alone.

—Kate Young, Old Harbor, AK

The Internet is not for sale, to think that this is an issue is outrageous in itself.

—Josh Birdsell, Milton, GA

Net neutrality is important to me because I want freedom to look at whatever I choose. I don't want corporations choosing what websites I am able to go to.

—Denise Ure, Seattle, WA

This kind of harmful idiocy is exactly why other countries have such a low opinion of American politics. Stop letting big bank run policy, and keep the Internet as a level playing field--just as it should be!

—Jason Baker, Springfield, KS

A two-tier internet would be yet another way to increase the destructive gap between the rich and poor; another corrosive element eating away at all that is (was) good in our country. The non-rich amongst us have had our heads kicked enough already. There is no need to further step on our necks, except to demonstrate again the contempt the government feels for the citizens.

—Jerry Barenholtz, Carbondale, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because as someone who regularly takes part in things using the internet such as "Netflix" and "YouTube", there is no reason why any Internet Service Provider should be able to limit my access to these resources. The internet should be free, and with that, there should not be multiple ISPs, we need one overall ISP to deliver Internet without limits or restrictions.

—Travis, labelle, FL

DO NOT MESS WITH THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLE OF THE INTERNET. IF THEY GET AWAY WITH IT IN AMERICA IT WILL SPREAD TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

—Jennifer Higgo, oAKHAM,

The FCC should stand up to support the American Citizen and consumer, and not support the ISP industry. The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Marc Zampetti, New York, NY

Dear FCC, I am openly opposed to the option of allowing multiple lanes of internet speeds. I currently use Comcast cable, but this is not really my choice. I have NO other options for high speed internet. I require a fast internet speed for a variety of reasons and my only other options besides Comcast, for where I live, are smaller companies that only offer Broadband with a maximum speed of 20Mbps. The problem I see is not only will the deal with Comcast hurt consumers and businesses alike, but also that there aren't enough options for high speed internet. Comcast has horrible customer service and if given the opportunity I would switch providers immediately. Current laws need to be rewritten to allow for the growth of alternatives to giants like Comcast while preventing cable companies from having control over the telecommunication service. Thank you for your time.

—Brandon Smith, Greensburg, IN

Net neutrality is fair. do not allow providers to control the speed at which you receive content.

—Nicole Havekost, Rochester, MN

Because I wouldn't have met so many of the friends I have today if i was forced to pay.

—Erin Peacock, Derby,

I disagree with a 2 tier system and believe it will be detrimental to internet usage as we now know it. It will allow BIG BUSINESS to have too much power (aka Monopoly). I disagree with this proposal. I was not aware of the proposed changes but will be actively sending out to others so they have the knowledge and can submit their opinions, as well.

—Roberta, Sarasota, FL

I believe the open internet should remain in effect. Large corporations should not have faster internet service than anyone else. The playing field should be the same for everyone.

—Brenda Zobeck, Cedar Rapids, IA

everyone deserves the same speed and same download get the cable company out of the goverments pockets

—John, fairfield, OH

Dear FCC, I am opposed to the current proposed solution for "Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet." As it stands, the current proposal does not prevent prioritizing some content over others. The wishes of the users should also trump the desires of the broadband service providers. Please do not adopt the current proposal. Instead, allow the public to present an alternative. Thank you for your consideration, Dave Johnson

—David Johnson, Somerville, MA

I have protected the United States of America as a soldier and I have found that if it is not broken, then do not fix it. Leave the freedom of the internet alone; however, assign service providers the ability to protect our children from pornography with a free computer program that would shield them from that evil. I just want the freedom of choice and the competition of big business to remain as I also do not want Time Warner and Comcast to merge together; thus, increasing the cost of service.

—Bryan Kane, Springfield, TN

Net Neutrality is extremely important in order to keep a free and open internet. Without it innovation and entrepreneurship will suffer greatly.

—Brad Wallick, Osmond, NE

I'm really not trying to get fucked in yet ANOTHER way by people who make way more money than me who simply want to make EVEN MORE money by fucking over people like me without that kind of revenue. have some goddamn empathy. seriously, leave my fucking internet alone. don't fix something that isn't broken. you have enough money already. i promise.

—Kirsten Jo, Cambridge, MA

The internet is an informational and social networking tool that needs to remain fast and impartial for all users. A multi-tiered system based on price/ability to pay is unconscionable and harmful. The internet is NOT cable or satellite TV and should not be regulated as such.

—Penelope Mazza, FAIRFIELD, IA

Do the right thing, and do not limit "high speed" internet to only those who can afford it. Preventing net neutrality almost sounds like an attempt to gentrify the internet. In all the power you have, please help, and stop this from happening.

—Kyle Benjamin, San Francisco, CA

The Net belongs to us not BIG BUSINESS

—Martin Olinick, West Hills, CA

The public is for Net Neutrality, major American communication corporation are for Net Neutrality and I suspect that both branches of the legislature are for Net Neutrality. Please keep Net Neutrality.

—Robert Fletcher, Austin, TX

Paying for an internet traffic to be neutral , is NOT the same as a neutral internet. Internet users paying more to ensure equality of net traffic is nothing more than corporate discrimination and does not support innovation or the freedom of speech among internet users.

—John Howson IV, Phoenixville, PA

I'm commenting to urge Chairman Wheeler to scrap the FCC's plan to allow Internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. These rules would destroy Net Neutrality. I urge the chairman to throw them out and instead reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. This is the only way to restore real Net Neutrality.

—Wanching Huang, Urbana, IL

You are promoting pay-to-play! You are supposed to protect U.S. citizens, not be at the beck and call of corporations. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE! ISPs (internet service providers) ARE NOT PEOPLE, THEY ARE COMMON CARRIERS. Are you people being offered lucrative jobs with the ISPs on the condition that you destroy Net neutrality? If not, prove it -- throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Paulette Johnston, Santa Fe, NM

The reason Net Neutrality needs to stay in affect is because it is unfair. It's not right, because the standard of living is higher then the standard of pay. The Internet has become part of a standard living, and with some families not making a whole lot of money due to the economy would hurt them. Also, why should Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, and whoever be the ones who allowed to pick chose, who gets the benefit of a great Internet speed to a dirt road basically. The Internet was created to be free, so many people around the world can spread news, talk etc. If you take that ability way people may leave the Internet.

—Justin Oliver, Dresden, TN

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!! Protect my internet!

—Tom Liou, Mountain View, CA

The internet is one of the few places where true democratic processes exist. The population of content viewers decides what succeeds, not corporations. Allowing ISPs to change the rules in favor of well established players is devastating. I will not be voting for any politician that supports this, and I will be switching from Comcast to a local provider because of this.

—Jason Goraki, berkeley, CA

I strongly oppose allowing any prioritization of data by internet providers. At this point, the internet should be considered a utility (or even a right, as some other nations have adopted) that is not limited or discriminated against based on what the usage is.

—Yuri Kim, Seattle, WA

Dear FCC, we need net nautrality! -A free and open internet protects the freedom of speech! -A free and open internet promotes innovation and the spread of ideas -A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship! -A free and open internet prevents "walled gardens" with unfair pricing practices and service blockage. -A free and open internet stimulates and challenges ISP service competition The internet is the most important technology of our time and thus should never fall into the hands of major corporations Hope you decide wisely.

—Jan-Willem Beekmans, Den Bosch,